

**REMARKS**

Claim 8, allowed as originally filed in the parent application (Serial Number 09/959,590), is presented herewith as amended in the Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.312, filed but not entered in the parent application. Claims 1-6, as originally submitted, are re-submitted. Applicant will advance arguments for patentability of these claims over the cited prior art in the near future.

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